ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Wheat, Feed Grain Signup Get Underway - The ASCS Office began accepting applications for the 1979 wheat and feed grain program on February 15. Participation thus far has been light, but greater activity is expected during the next few weeks. Farmers will have until April 30 to sign up.

Program participation is voluntary. However, farmers with set-aside crops of barley, corn, grain sorghum, or wheat must file their intentions to participate during the signup period to be eligible for deficiency and disaster payment protection for these crops, and be eligible for price support loans on all crops.

All producers planting wheat and/or feed grains for harvest in 1979 on farmers with a normal crop acreage are eligible to participate.

Participaitng farmers agree to take out of production one acre for every ten planted in 1979 to corn and sorghum and two acres for every ten planted to wheat and barley for grain. Corn and grain sorghum voluntary diversion payments may be earned when farmers sign up to take an additional acre out of production for every ten acres planted.

Farmers who may be undecided about the program or have questions are encouraged to contact the ASCS office or one of the ASCS committee persons for more informaiton.

The program is designed to prevent an excessive buildup of wheat and feed grain stocks which causes low market prices.

County Conservation Program Announced - Funds totaling $23,350 have been allocated to Appomattox County for the 1979 agricultural conservation program (ACP). The new program emphasizes rural pollution abatement as well as solving soil, water and woodland conservation problems.

Practices approved for solving local conservation problems include: **Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment, Permanent Vegetable Cover Improvement, Stripcropping Systems, Terrace Systems, Diversions, Grazing Land Protection, Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas, Sod Waterways, Animal Waste Control Facilities, Forest Tree Plantations, Forest Tree Stand Improvement.**

We began accepting applications on February 15th and will continue to through March 15th. So far, approximately 30 farmers are participating in the 1979 program.

The Appomattox County ASC committee establishes priorities for the conservation problems, attempts to encourage farmers to solve these problems, and cost-shares to help them carry out solutions to the problems.

Cost-sharing may range from 50 to 75 percent of the farmers' cost for the most critical problems. This assistance will not be used for carrying out practices that are primarily production - oriented, or that have little or no conservation or pollution abatement benefits to farmers and consumers.

For more information on the ACP, contact the ASCS office.

Fire Cured Tobacco Referendum Results - The Appomattox County ASC Committee met last week to tabulate the ballots of the recent Fire-Cured Tobacco Referendum. Results indicated that 177 Appomattox producers voted in favor of continued tobacco allotments and price support and 12 producers voted against.

When I receive the final state wide results, they will be publicized, at which time we will know whether the current program will continue.

Did You Know That - You'd have to work twice as long to buy a pound of chuck roast if you lived in Bonn, W. Germany, and six times as long in Brasilia, Brazil, to earn the cost of a pound of pork chops.

A Japanese workers spends two hours and 48 minutes to earn the price of a pound of sirloin, compared to 23 minutes for his American counterpart. In Mexico, a factory worker puts in one hour and nine minutes to earn enough for a pound of chicken, while it costs just over six minutes of a factory worker's time here. Bread? A pound costs almost nine minutes of work in Sweden, five here. Lower pay scales abroad play a role in earning-time comparisons with U.S. workers.

These are findings of agricultural attaches of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who compare food costs every other month in 16 world capital cities. On January 3, when they shopped these items, prices for a pound of sirloin steak ranged form a high of $18.63 a pound in Japan to a low of $1.30 a pound in Brasilia.

Red meat prices rose in two thirds of the capitals shopped by attaches since their November 1 survey, up to a 14 percent increase in Canada.

Pork prices fluctuated world-wide with no trend emerging. Poultry prices remained strong, with Buenos Aires reporting a 52 percent increase. Tokyo and Stockholm reported a price decline from November.

Egg prices were up in all capitals but Copenhagen and jumped 17 percent in Brussels, Belgium. Milk prices remained relatively stable in over two-thirds of the capitals surveyed but dropped 8 percent in Tokyo.

Children II Choir At Liberty To Sing At LC

The Liberty Baptist Children II Choir will sing for the VFMS state festival on March 10th at Lynchburg College. Adjudicators will grade them and give a rating. They have earned a gold cup for past participation.

Their directors are Patsy Pierce and John Hall.

Any choirs are eligible to participate. For information, contact Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan, festival chairman.

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Mrs. Shirley Walton and Mrs. Phyllis Wilson are shown judging some of the crafts for the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

Jr. Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Contest Held

The Arts Department of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club sponsored an Arts & Crafts Contest for members recently.

Entries to the contest were judged by Mrs. Shirley Walton and Mrs. Phyllis Wilson.

First place winners will be sending their crafts to the Alice Kyle District Arts & Crafts Contest to be held March 24th on the Liberty Baptist College campus.

First place winners were Donna Miller, crocheted baby blanket; Nelwyn Morris, scraps of foil art; Evelyn Ford, embroidered wall hanging and man's suit; Sue Waddell, macrame wall hanging, Cathy Blackwell, ceramics; Lola Jackson, macrame hanging table; and Betty Jo Smith, wood wall hanging.

Canaan Baptist

On Thursday, March 8, a meeting will be held concerning plans for the Cornerstone Association 100th Anniversary at 7:30 p.m.

Regular preaching service Sunday, March 11th at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Rev. C. L. Elliott in charge. The Canaan Echoes will render the music. Communion will be served. The Canaan Echoes Program scheduled for Sunday night will be held at a later date.

A birthday month program is planned for the third Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. The Soul Searcher will be the singing guest. Mrs. Gladys Evans and Mrs. Emma Wood the sponsors.

The young adult choir will celebrate their anniversary March 25th at 3 p.m. Miss Mary Wood in charge.

APPOMATTOX ELEMEN. SCHOOL MENU

Thurs., Mar. 8 - Cheeseburgers, potato rounds w/catsup, green beans, purple plums, milk.

Fri., Mar. 9 - Oven battered fish, cornbread, broccoli, creamed potatoes, fresh apples, milk, cookie.

Mon., Mar. 12 - Hot dog on bun, navy beans, cole slaw, chilled tomatoes, yellow cake w/icing, milk

Tues., Mar. 13 - Turkey salad sandwich, mixed vegetables, cherrie chip cake, sliced peaches, milk

Wed., Mar. 14 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, hot rolls, green peas, apple cobbeler, milk

Thurs., March 15 - Country style steak w/gravy, hot rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, cookie, milk

Fri., March 16 - Sliced turkey sandwich, mixed vegetables, potato rounds, peanut butter cake, milk.

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Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending February 25, 1979. Purchases are listed by counties.

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Amelia	880.09
Amherst	998.41
Appomattox	5,610.04
Bedford County	602.38
Buckingham	6,140.83
Campbell	7,404.09
Charlotte	539.67
Cumberland	3,461.92
	4,758.15
Franklin County	539.59
Goochland	362.60
Mecklenburg	250.17
Nelson	1,011.06
Pittsylvania	1,041.36
Powhatan	367.22
Prince Edward	2,293.41
Prince William	298.08
Rockbridge	619.58
Rockingham	1,833.04
Total	**48,772.92**

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., March 12 - Sausage, black eye peas, apple sauce, milk, cookies, roll, butter.

Tues., March 13 - Barbecue on bun, potato chips, string beans, fruit, milk, roll, butter

Wed., March 14 - Chili beans, slaw, mixed vegetables, milk, pudding, topping.

Thurs., Mar. 15 - Hamburger, green peas, french fries, fruit, milk

Fri., Marh 16 - Fish, mixed greens, creamed potatoes, roll, butter, milk, fruit.

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GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VINEGAR

Did you know that vinegar is a kitchen work horse? We use vinegar for pickling, preserving, tenderizing tough meat and fowl, and adding sour pungent flavor to dishes ranging from vinegar pie to tomato ketchup and salad dressing.

No one can say when vinegar first come into use. There are references to vinegar in the Bible. Ruth dipped her morsel of bread into vinegar when Caesar's legions mixed it with drinking water. Vinegar was probably discovered by ancient people accidentally, along with wine. Yeast and bacteria are ever present in the air, too small to be seen by the human eye. In days before recorded history, yeast must have fallen by chance into uncovered earthenware jugs of fruit juice and caused the juice to ferment and become wine. In time, bacteria dropped into the wine and soured and transformed it into vinegar. Vinegar is a mixture of acetic acid and water.

Did you know there are so many things that you can do with vinegar in your home? Vinegar can replace many household cleaners that we pay high prices for in this day of the inflated dollar. Some of the things you can do with vinegar are: Wash windows sparkling clean - use vinegar in warm water; Remove burned-on food from a pot easily - fill the pan with a mixture of hot water, ½ cup of vinegar and two tablespoons of baking soda. Bring to a boil and let simmer for 30 minutes. This mixture will remove even the most stubborn burned-on crust on a pan; Remove soapy film, mildew and grime from shower curtains - wipe with a cloth dampened with vinegar and rinse clean. (NOTE: I would suggest that you use white vinegar anytime you are using it to clean plastic or fabric.); Open grease-clogged drains -- these can be cleaned by pcuring a handful of baking soda, followed by a cup of vinegar. Just think, no caustic fumes when you use this type of solution; Dissolve lime deposits in coffeepots and tea kettles or double boilers - Cover the deposits with vinegar and let them soak; Set dyed colors - add a cup of white vinegar to the water in final rinse. This will not only make clothes smell fresh and clean, but it also will set any colors that need setting; Remove salt stains from boots or shoes - dip a cloth in white vinegar, wring it out and wipe the boots or shoes clean; Keep you sink's garbage disposer odor-free -- pour a cup of vinegar once a week, cover and let stand overnight; Make gummed wrapping tape stick better - add a few drops of vinegar to the water or sponge you use for moistening; Remove ink stains - cover them with salt for one minute and then wipe with white vinegar; Keep your bread box smelling sweet and fresh - put one tablespoon of white vinegar in a cup of warm water and sponge clean; Make painted walls and woodwork look like new -- after washing, add a cup of white vinegar to the final rinse water; Clean the inside of thermos bottles - add a little white vinegar and shake well; Restore vinyl floors discolored by cleaners or lye - wash them with white vinegar and water; Peel the shells off hard-boiled eggs quickly and easily - add several tablespoons of vinegar to the water before boiling; Remove perspiration stains from clothing - sponge with warm white vinegar; take the hemline out a garment dampening that line with white vinegar, rub briskly with an old toothbrush, cover with a cloth and press.

Homemakers, there are so many things that we can do with vinegar. Please note in the above suggestons that when I named just vinegar, you may use the regular pickling vinegar. When I said white vinegar, this is done because the apple cider vinegar can stain any clothing or plastic. Please look at ways you can use vinegar and soda and other inexpensive house-cleaning preparations that you can make at home. This saves us a great deal of money.

Homemakers, if you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call us at 352-8244 or write us at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Virginia 24522. Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Susie's Quick Chicken Casserole

15 oz. boneless chicken or turkey (or 2 cups)
1 - 10¾ oz. can condensed (undiluted) cream of chicken soup
1 - 10 oz. pkg. frozen peas & carrots
½ cup diced celery
¼ cup diced green pepper
¼ cup diced pimento
¼ cup diced onion
1 - 4 oz. can mushroom pieces and stems (drained)
2 hard cooked eggs, sliced

Mix well first 8 ingredients. Put into a greased 2-quart casserole dish. Bake in 350 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes until hot and bubbly. Arrange overlapping egg slices in circular pattern on top. Service on noodles, if you like. Makes 6 servings.

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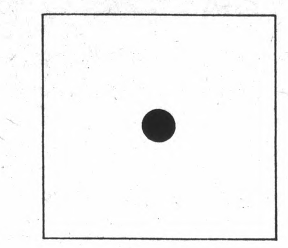

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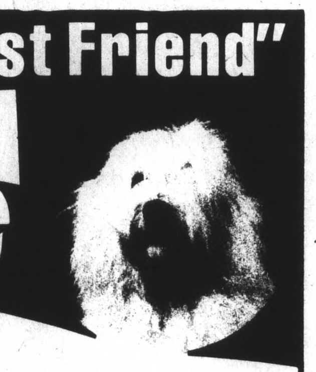

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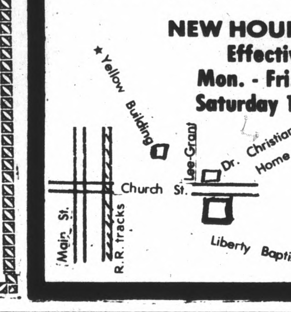

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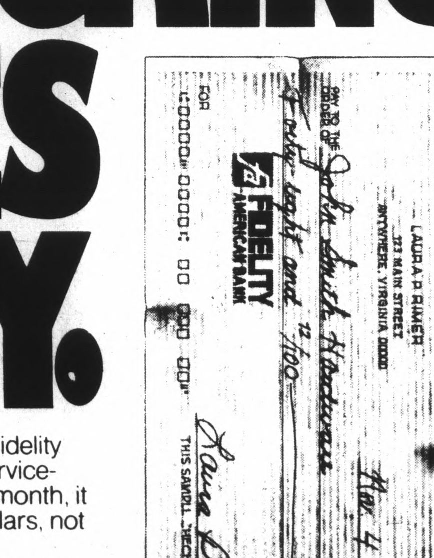

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